

**COLYTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Colyford Memorial Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Present:** Cllrs A Parr, R Collier, C Collier, K Clifford, J Hay, R Turner, S Real, H West, C Pady, R Pocock, P Gibbins, M Mann, S Smith, Dist Cllr H Parr, Cty Cllr S Randall-Johnson (for part of meeting), PC S Speariett (for part of the meeting), 28 members of the public & E Berry (Clerk)

Cllr Parr welcomed everyone to the meeting & thanked Colyford for hosting it.

Two successful events had been held in the parish since the last meeting: the Colyton Carnival & the Colyford Goose Fayre.

Both had been very enjoyable events and the clerk will write to the committees of each thanking them.

**14/10/112 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence – none**

**14/10/113 Police Report**

PC Speariett stated that for the first time since he'd come to the area there had been no recorded crime in the parish in August. He went through the crimes in September and told the meeting that so far two crimes had been committed in October (a car stolen & minor damage to a front door in the Market Place.)

**Colyton - 3 Crimes**

**This compares to 0 crimes last month and 5 crimes in September 2013**

**6<sup>th</sup> Common Assault:** Domestic related incident. (CR/104292/14)

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**28<sup>th</sup> Public Order:** A male shouted at a female in Seaway head causing distress. (CR/110196/14)

He said that there had been concern expressed over speeding drivers and this will be their focus over the next weeks, initially with a newspaper article.

He explained the Section 59 notices, where a motorist exhibiting anti-social driving can be fined and encouraged the public to report any incidents on 101 or by email. He had brought some no trick or treating notices should anyone want one.

A local resident asked what is being done to remove the travellers at Boss Hill Cross? PC Speariett said it was a Devon County Highway issue but the situation is being monitored by the police.

Another resident of Elm Farm Lane complained about a foreign registered car seemingly dumped on a shared private access. PC Speariett said that if it's a private road the police can take no action but he would look at it.

*He left the meeting.*

**14/10/114 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)**

*Cllr Parr reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded and if they did not want their comments recorded they could ask for the recorder to be switched off.*

Mrs Squires a resident of Colyton briefed the councillors on their request for access into their property across the public garden – The Chair thanked her and confirmed that this is on the agenda for later discussion.

A Colyford resident queried what Colyford got for its share of the precept stating that if averaged out they had paid £65000 over the last 5 years. He accepted that the Parish Council had to pay for offices, salaries, cemetery & meeting rooms but wanted to know how much was left for Colyford after those expenses? The Chair replied by saying that everything is budgeted for, if Colyford needs work doing and the Parish Council is made aware of it, it will be budgeted for. The residents, through their elected councils, should let the council know their needs.

Another Colyford resident queried the state of the roads and the lack of work being done to repair potholes. Councillor Smith replied that after attending a meeting of the DALC where a highways

presentation had been made, her understanding was that Highways had seen a cut in their budget from £64m to £31m and tough choices are having to be made. The A & B roads will be prioritised and anything else will be considered on safety defect priority. There may be some reliance on local councils to repair their own potholes.

A Colyford resident brought up the perennial problem of the school buses dropping off & collecting Colyton Grammar School children. Traffic is being held up and the potential for an accident happening is very high with several near misses in the past weeks. She stated that nobody takes responsibility, the school blames the parents, the County blames the school as do the Police – it's a classic game of pass the parcel! The coaches arrive early & keep their engines running causing both noise & pollution. Some drivers are rude & abusive when spoken to about the problem. The residents do not want to see a massive development of Colyford just to provide a coach park but something needs doing. Perhaps a 10 minute slots for the buses – currently they wait at the Seaton coach park so with some organisation it shouldn't be too difficult.

Cllr West stated that he had met with Mr Evans the school headmaster a few months ago and he has no control over the buses. The bus companies have ignored his letters. Cllr Mann said that many of the coaches were funded by parents so are in effect private coaches. Cllr Parr said that the clerk will go back to the school and get the names of the coach companies and the Parish Council will write to them. The loading & unloading is very efficient, it's just the organisation of the staggered arrival of the coaches that needs to be supervised.

Simon Card (Chair of Colyford Hall Committee) acknowledge the CPC letter re the children's play park and the request that a portion of the hall car park be used. He had two concerns, was there a demand for such a facility & how much space will be required in what is a very busy car park, but it will be discussed at the next meeting.

A Colyton resident drew the attention of the meeting to the minutes of the recent planning meeting where details of the public inquiry at Northleigh to discuss deletion of footpath 6 had been recorded. He asked who would be representing the CPC and what the parish council is going to say?

Cllr Par confirmed that he would be the representative and that this route had never been an adopted footpath. Mr Arnott asked who was objecting to it and when did the CPC pass the resolution to support them? Cllr Parr stated that several landowners were concerned and the CPC had talked about this a couple of years ago.

The resident went on to discuss the Playing Fields proposed development and the planning officers recommendation for approval and the comment that the development be considered to alleviate the need for social housing in Seaton. He wanted the CPC to ensure that the Planning Authority knew that Ceramtech had applied to redevelop their site as a mixed development which would satisfy the needs of Colyton for many years.

He asked who would be speaking on the Councils behalf and commented that although he wanted to speak, under the new rules he could not do so as he had not previously entered a comment on the proposal.

Dist Cllr H Parr explained the new ruling, the development is a major one and 5 people will be allowed to speak on either side of the debate for or against providing they had made a representation to the application during the initial consultation period.

**14/10/115 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 were approved & signed as being a true record of that meeting.**

**14/10/116 Matters arising from the minutes *not otherwise on the agenda***

- a) 14/09/103 Seaton Rotary re tree planting – this is a woodland trust initiative running for up to four years. The minimum pack is 30 trees, sent out in November & March. CPC to consider other places for these trees, possibly below the picnic site & Holyford woods.

- b) 14/09/106f Colyford Notice Board Poll – 2 responses – 1 in favour of keeping it where it is, 1 against its current position.
- c) 14/09/98f Hi Line on behalf of Western Power will clear the trees on verge near Colyford substation. Letter & email from them to say work will commence in two – three weeks.

14/10/117

**Report from District Councillor**

Cllr H Parr confirmed details of the DMC meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>.

She highlighted an annual update on S106 play obligations, which stated that when the CiL scheme is adopted only the money from five agreements will be able to be combined into one scheme.

She reiterated that any decision made at the meeting will be the decision of the Committee not the planning officer, and any decision will take into consideration all comments made on the application.

Cllr West explained his understanding of CiL which he had got from Clair Rodway.

Cllr H Parr said that Sulina Tallack is the best person to contact as she is up to date on the CiL legislation which will come into play once the local plan has been adopted.

Cllr West explained his concern at the new public speaking rules, feeling they were unfair and undemocratic.

Cllr H Parr confirmed that the CPC can send a representative to speak on the application and can boost their initial comments. Both district councillors will be speaking at the meeting. Before the meeting the names of those speaking, and their contact detail will be advertised.

There was some discussion about whether Cllr H Parr had missed the point Cllr West was trying to make and why Colyton should be used to alleviate Seaton's affordable housing problem when it was caused by EDDC allowing Tesco to welch on the original agreement.

Cllr H Parr explained the allocation system of affordable housing, with priority given to Colyton Parish residents.

Cllr Mann felt that people feel let down & betrayed by the way this 'add on' to the original proposal had been dealt with.

Cllr H Parr was willing to make that point to the DMC.

14/10/118

**Report from County Councillors (late in meeting but reported in agenda sequence)**

Cllr S Randall Johnson was pleased to see such a good turn out from Colyford. She explained that the County Council had out a consultation document trying to engage communities. The Snow Warden scheme had been so successful that it was hoped that the format could be extended to other initiatives as well, such as pothole repairs and drainage & ditch clearing.

She reiterated that DCC did not want to close any libraries but a different way of working them had to be found. She was hopeful that Colyton's library could be run as a social enterprise and stated that the portfolio holder had pledged the money for free Wi-Fi at the library.

She apologised for cancelling the next Traffic Group meeting but confirmed that the dropped kerbs will be in before Christmas and that there will be a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the yellow lines.

Cllr West mentioned that he had receive minutes of a meeting with Highways, Seaton & Axmouth and felt it a good idea to have meeting where everyone was involved as more appears to get done as a collective, although different Highway officers were involved. Cllr Sara Randal Johnson though that a good idea and had no problem with the idea.

Cllr Pady mentioned the lengthsman and asked what was happening with the scheme? She replied that this is all under consultation. DCC were impressed with how the P3 scheme worked and the communication between the participants and felt something similar could be done with the lengthsman.

14/10/119

**Highway Matters**

- a) Parking by Colyford PO/Butchers/A3052 –Cllr West

Cllr West explained the background to this and that the parking on the A3052 (not the Seaton Road) was of concern to lots of local residents. Parking on the A3052 blocks the view of traffic exiting Seaton Road and is an accident waiting to happen. It had been discussed at various local traffic group meetings but nothing done, The Highways position was that the lines had been taken out as double yellow lines are not required in a 30mph zone with street lighting and any parking/safety issues are a civil enforcement matter.

There was some discussion on ownership of the pavement there and the provision & funding of bollards to stop parking there.

Cllr West is to draft a letter to the PO/Butchers and bring it into the clerk to send from the CPC.

- b) Highway Review - Consultation on the proposed cuts on the touch choices web pages [www.toughchoices.co.uk](http://www.toughchoices.co.uk)
- c) Email re Measuring Member and Parish / Town Council Engagement Survey <https://new.devon.gov.uk/devonhighways/measuring-member-and-parish-town-council-engagement> – survey date extended to 17<sup>th</sup> October

#### 14/10/120 **Report from Meetings Attended**

Cllr Smith had attended four meetings – see Appendix 1 for her report on them.

Cllr B Collier had also attended the DALC meeting which was informative and he was very impressed by a young speaker.

Cllr West had attended a Neighbourhood planning meeting which was well presented, he felt that as Colyford in under attack from both the North & South Colyford should do a neighbourhood plan on its own.

This will be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting.

Cllr Clifford had attended the Footpath & P3 meeting at Musbury which he found both interesting and educational. The Parish P3 wardens were commended on the good job they are doing.

#### 14/10/121 **Correspondence**

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RsN etc
- b) Request from resident for access through Dolphin Street Garden – to be discussed at the next Planning meeting after a site visit.
- c) Copy of letter sent by Colyton Link to Clinical Commissioning group re future of Seaton & Axminster Hospitals – passed around.
- d) Letter of thanks from Mrs Chamberlayne re seat at Picnic Site – read out.
- e) Email on behalf of Devon Countryside Access Forum (DCAF), enclosing the National LAF Annual Report for 2012-2013 and the Ministerial response - noted
- f) Invitation to councillors to attend a briefing on health service plans for East Devon – emailed to all. Meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November in Honiton – noted.
- g) Email EDDC agenda & minute book for next DMC meeting.
- h) Request for Personal Canvassers – emailed to all

#### 14/10/122 **Finance**

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September (M14) to be noted

Accounts to be approved for payment – proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr West.

Cheque	Payee			VAT	TOTAL
DD	Tiscali	Broadband	£12.25	£3.06	£15.31
DD	EDF	Electricity	£7.60	£0.40	£8.00
3496	PGD Gardening				£40.00
3497	Cash	Toilet caretaker 18 days in September plus October advance			163.00
3498	Northcott Building	Tractor shed	£5886.66	£1177.33	£7063.99
*3499	Viridor Waste Services	Waste Collection (Aug & Sept)	£204.73	£40.95	245.68
*3500	Spar Musbury Garage	Fuel	£16.63	£3.33	£19.96

- a) Quote from Skinners construction for Dolphin St Wall repairs.(All three quotes now in.) – deferred to Finance committee meeting.
- b) Clerk request one week leave from April 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 (after Parish meeting) to April 31<sup>st</sup> (before election) – Approved.
- c) Quarterly internal audit to be done by Cllr Smith on pro-forma once clerk has September bank statements,

**14/10/123 Planning**

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 (Appendix N14) to be noted

**a Planning Applications****14/2278/FUL 22 Grove Hill, Colyton – Mr C Talbott**

Construction of single storey front extension, replacement of rear conservatory and extension of roof  
**SUPPORTED** – proposed by Cllr Real, seconded by Cllr West & agreed by all.

**14/2276FUL Foundry Cottage, Rosemary Lane, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Hadfield**

Erection of utility room extension, raising of ridge height on existing kitchen and erection of car port –site inspection held 29 Sept

**SUPPORTED** - proposed by Cllr Real seconded by Cllr Hay & agreed by all.

**14/2277/LBC Foundry Cottage, Rosemary Lane, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Hadfield**

Conversion of workshop to kitchen, construction of car port, addition of utility extension and internal alterations

**SUPPORTED** - proposed by Cllr Real seconded by Cllr Hay & agreed by all.

**b Planning Decisions****14/1144/FUL Knowle Farm, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Hiscox**

Demolition of barns and erection of ancillary building housing swimming pool and car parking, erection of replacement dwelling and retention of pond **APPROVED**

**14/2243/AGR Blamphayne Farm, Colyton – Mr Willis**

Prior notification of proposed extension to agricultural workshop **APPROVED**

**c Planning Correspondence**

a) **Appeal Notification** –APP/U1105/A/2223051 Land North of Cataclew, Station Road, Outline planning permission for residential development of site – Mr A Carthy  
Hearing at Knowle on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10am  
Deferred to Planning Committee meeting.

b) **DMC Meeting 21/10** – Application 14/0429/MOUT (development of Playing Fields) will be under discussion. CPC Representative to register to speak.  
Both Cllr Collier & Cllr A Parr are unable to attend.  
Cllr Smith proposed Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Mann and agreed by all.

The clerk will register him as the CPC speaker and he and Cllr Parr will meet as soon as possible to go over the original objections and any other details.

c) **Details of EDDC - Draft Village Development Plan** – Representative form from CeramTech seeking amendment to the Colyton built up area boundary to include the CeramTech site on Sidmouth Rd and to include the site for residential/mixed use redevelopment,

The clerk had spoken to EDDC, no parishes had been sent information on any of these applications as all are on hold until the Local Plan is adopted. The housing need will then be assessed and if required a further round of SHLAA consultation undertaken with all of the proposed land under consultation. This is the stage it would go the parish council for discussion.

Cllr Smith had spoken to the agents selling the site, and Ceramtech who had undertaken to market it for up to two years as an industrial site until considering any change of use. CeramTech want to leave in good grace,

Cllr C Collier reminded everyone that the Planning officers & committees can only make a decision based on what is agreed/happening now, not on what may happen in the future.

Cllr Turner reminded councillors that the CPC had supported the site as employment land and could see no reason for that support to change. It is vital for the Parish and local area that employment opportunities are encouraged.

Cllr Real proposed that a letter be written to EDDC objecting to this land being considered for housing, seconded by Cllr Clifford & agreed by a majority. The clerk will write a letter

- 14/10/124 Amenities**
- a) Colyford Play Area update – Cllr Pady briefed the meeting on the story so far. In answer to Mr Card’s question of whether it was needed he said the demographics of Colyford is changing, with more & more young families coming into the village, There had been 8 or 9 letters of support from families with young children for this scheme. Cllr West stated that personally he didn’t agree with the proposal to put it in the car park and that the feelings of the villagers needed to be taken into consideration, not just the hall committee. Cllr Smith reiterated that all options had been considered, if it doesn’t go there it doesn’t get built and the money is lost. Cllr Gibbins pointed out that if it went to a vote of the villagers the young families would not have a change as they would be outnumbered by an older community.  
Cllr Pocock suggested the car park is marked out so the hall committee & trustees can see the extent of the scheme.
  - b) Dog Fouling – Cllr Turner reported that the vergers of the church were concerned about the amount of dog fouling in the church and around the War Memorial. The CPC pays for the upkeep of the churchyard and there are notices requesting that dogs be kept on leads in the churchyard and not allowed to foul. It was agreed that Andrew who is attending a church meeting tomorrow evening ask them to reconsider allowing dogs in the churchyard.
  - c) The new dog signs are up in the parish but at the end of the day until the culprits are identified and fined nothing is going to change.
  - d) Reece Strawbridge grass cutting – It was agreed to ask the handyman to cut the triangle of grass between the two car parks.
  - e) Ivy growth over skittle alley roof from St Andrews garden – It was agreed to ask the handyman to trim the Virginia creeper back to about a foot from the top of the wall, The pub owners will deal with the growth on their side.
  - f) Request from new allotment holder for permission to erect a shed & greenhouse on her plot. Both are within CPC guidelines – agreed.
- 14/10/125 Colyton Memorial Social Club** – update. The scheduled meeting was cancelled so nothing to report. Cllr West asked if the item could be removed from the agenda. Cllr Parr pointed out that we are waiting for them to contact us for a meeting and that we get financial information at the meetings that is reported back to the CPC so the item remains.
- 14/10/126 Registration of Parish properties** – update. It was agreed to form a small working party to collate the information to present to the land registry. To be deferred to the Finance committee meeting.
- 14/10/127 Other matters brought to the Chairs attention after the agenda published**
- a) Invitation from Chair of EDDC for two parish representatives to attend a meeting with EDDC & DCC on evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> December. (Clerk interested in going – Cllr C Collier to attend as well.)
  - b) Details of DeVA ((Devon Voluntary Action) Funding Conference - Tuesday 4th November – Cllr Smith interested.
  - c) Details on the trial of public speaking changes at Development Management meetings due to start on 21<sup>st</sup> October – speakers need to register - noted
  - d) Email - Local resident asks who will be speaking for the CPC against planning application 14/0429/MOUT at the October 21<sup>st</sup> EDDC Planning meeting – already answered previously.
  - e) Email – Tough Choices – Proposals for budget savings for 2015/16 in waste management – noted, could result in more fly tipping.
  - f) Remembrance Sunday -9<sup>th</sup> November - numbers - 11
  - g) Email to Chairman from local resident re 14/0429/MOUT and the boundaries of the site. Cllr Parr explained the background to this. He had checked the contracts and land registry details and also the boundaries on the ground and is satisfied that all is correct.
  - h) Playing Fields AGM – October 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm – noted
  - i) Cllr Gibbins made a statement in response to what had been said about him in public, and subsequently reported in the press. Cllr West apologised.
- 14/10/127 Matters to be taken into Committee - none**
- 14/10/128 Dates of future meetings**  
Finance & Planning – Monday October 27th

November Council meeting – Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>

## APPENDIX 1 – Meeting Reports – Cllr S Smith

CPC Meetings attended report Mon 13<sup>th</sup> October

Sep 17<sup>th</sup> AONB Forum on landscape and tourism introduction by Graham Godbeer, Chris Woodruff gave a talk on the AONB with a slide projection and the successful power lines going underground project,

A talk by South West Tourism Alliance on getting a good balance between landscapes and tourism.

Executive direct of Natural England on protecting and conserving natural environment and intended work to protect coastlines. The Acland award presented to Higher Wiscombe Farm for the work on their tourism and eco friendly developments on their 5\* self catering business.

Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> – Clinical Commissioning Group meeting in Seaton. Almost identical to the DALC meeting in April this year outlining required cuts and a change of services provided. They did however say that the beds from Axminster will be transferred to Seaton and there is no intention to close either of these hospitals. However following the Axminster meeting whereby approx 7-800 people attended things may change.

October 10<sup>th</sup>: EDDC event on people living in isolation. Extremely good forum various speakers regarding health and safety for the elderly. Mainly discussed ways to help people in the community either carers, young carers, people suffering from dementia and elderly people who are isolated and lonely and ways for councils to help the community. A talk was given by Dr Anthony Helmsley from RD & E on how this affects the health and life expectancy of the elderly. Also that 1 in 5 people may get dementia. Silverline is a scheme started by Esther Ranson similar to child line and I would like to take this forward, it is for elderly lonely people and there are some I know in Colyton based on my Link driving and a pamphlet can be put into prescription bags and there are many aspects to this free service. Another scheme was community digital workshops for the elderly to teach technology such as skype, facebook, internet shopping and banking. Neil Parish gave a question and answer session and stated that he was looking to make changes to the CCG in North Devon. Parishes together fund can be made each year and even for the same things so perhaps Northleigh/Southleigh if not doing anything independently next year we could use again for play etc. etc. The money is allocated per parish and if not used goes into a pot for additional requests.

October 11<sup>th</sup>: DALC AGM. – Bob,

Highways: Same as report delivered from DALC in July 2013 – halved budget and basically pushing pothole repairs to local councils and even the general public. A young person spoke about how the young needed to be engaged in Parish matters.

A discussion on how Councils can achieve “quality status” and how this affected smaller councils with unqualified clerks but a cost was attached to this.

Local councils in action were the possibility of parishes joining together for snow and road warden schemes. Results of a survey showed that Highways/Housing/Ageing population and Transport were most people’s concern.

NALC chief exec Dr Owen spoke on how things are changing with reduced budgets.

There followed a general discussion by table and these comments were left to be distributed later.